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SUBJECT: DPC MEETING JANUARY 14: AGENDA ITEM II (ANY OTHER  
BUSINESS), DATES OF THE SPRING DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING

REF: 76 USNATO 7006 (DTG 231631Z DEC 76)

SUMMARY: AT THE JANUARY 14 DPC MEETING, UNDER ANY OTHER  
BUSINESS, SYG LUNS RAISED THE QUESTION OF DATES FOR THE  
SPRING 1977 DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING, SEEKING PRELIMINARY  
AGREEMENT ON THREE POSSIBLE DATES: THE WEEKS BEGINNING  
MAY 16, MAY 23 OR MAY 30. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THE  
FIRST TWO POSSIBILITIES, WITH ONLY HARTOGH (THE NETHERLANDS)  
INDICATING OPPOSITION TO THESE WEEKS. THE AMBASSADOR STATED  
HE WAS UNAWARE AT PRESENT OF ANY REASON WHY THESE DATES  
WOULD POSE PROBLEMS, AND THAT HE WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH  
WASHINGTON TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THESE DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE  
TO THE INCOMING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. LUNS SAID THAT  
PERMREPS WOULD RETURN TO THE MATTER WEDNESDAY  
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JANUARY 19 IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DISCUSSION OF  
FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO THE DECEMBER 1976 DPC MINISTERIAL  
MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON DATES FOR THE  
SPRING DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING, BY OOB JANUARY 18 IF  
POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

1. SYG LUNS REMARKED THAT HE BELIEVED PERMREPS WERE  
ANXIOUS TO AGREE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON DATES FOR THE  
SPRING DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING. HE PROPOSED, THERE-  
FOE, A BRIEF TOUR DE TABLE TO SEEK PRELIMINARY

AGREEMENT ON SOME POSSIBLE DATES. HE NOTED THAT THE NAC MINISTERIAL WOULD TAKE PLACE IN LONDON MAY 10-11, AND HE ASSUMED THAT DEFENSE MINISTERS WOULD NOT WISH TO MEET BEFORE THE WEEK OF MAY 16, BUT WOULD WISH TO MEET BEFORE THE NPG MINISTERIAL IN CANADA JUNE 8-9. THIS OPENED THREE POSSIBILITIES:

--THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 16, WHICH CONTAINS THE ASCENSION DAY HOLIDAY THURSDAY THE 19TH.

--THE WEEK OF MAY 23, CONTAINING THE DUTCH ELECTION DAY WEDNESDAY THE 25TH.

--THE WEEK OF MAY 30, WHICH STARTS WITH THE WHIT MONDAY HOLIDAY (ALSO US MEMORIAL DAY) AND CONTAINS THE ITALIAN NATIONAL HOLIDAY THURSDAY JUNE 2ND.

HE NOTED THAT THE EUROGROUP MINISTERS WOULD WISH TO MEET IN BRUSSELS THE DAY BEFORE THE DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING.

2. LUNS THEN ASKED FOR PRELIMINARY REACTION TO THE WEEKS OF MAY 16 AND MAY 23. THE AMBASSADOR STATED HE WAS UNAWARE AT PRESENT OF ANY REASON WHY THE DATES LUNS HAD SUGGESTED WOULD POSE PROBLEMS, AND THAT HE WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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WASHINGTON TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THESE DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE INCOMING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. PAULS (FRG) NOTED THAT THE DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING USUALLY PRECEDES THE NAC MINISTERIAL, AND ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE THIS SPRING. LUNS RESPONDED THAT THIS SEQUENCE CHARACTERIZED THE DECEMBER MEETINGS, BUT NOT NECESSARILY THE SPRING MEETINGS. HE FELT THAT A MEETING THE WEEK OF MAY 2 WOULD BE A LITTLE EARLY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE NECESSARY REPORTS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS), OTHER PERM REPS INDICATED THAT LUNS' SUGGESTED DATES WOULD POSE NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS, THOUGH KIRCA (TURKEY) POINTED OUT THAT THE TURKISH NATIONAL HOLIDAY, MAY 19, PRESENTED A SLIGHT OBSTACLE.

3. HARTOGH SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO AGREE TO THE WEEK OF MAY 16, THE WEEK BEFORE THE DUTCH ELECTION. HE RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 30, WITH THE EUROGROUP MEETING ON JUNE 1 AND THE DPC ON JUNE 2 AND 3. CATALANO (ITALY) NOTED THAT TRADITIONALLY THE ITALIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE HAD TO BE PRESENT IN ROME FOR THE JUNE 2 NATIONAL HOLIDAY, AND THAT HIS TRADITION, OR INDEED

THE DATE OF THE HOLIDAY ITSELF, WERE SUBJECT TO ALTERNATION,  
BUT OTHERWISE HARTOGH'S SUGGESTION MIGHT NOT BE ACCEPTABLE.  
SVART (DENMARK) STATED FLATLY THAT THE WEEK OF MAY 30 WOULD  
NOT SUIT HIS AUTHORITIES. HARTOGH THEN ASKED ABOUT  
THE WEEK COMMENCING JUNE 13, POINTING OUT THAT THERE

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WERE JUST AS MANY ARGUMENTS FOR HOLDING THE DPC  
MINISTERIAL AFTER THE NPG MINISTERIAL AS THERE WERE  
FOR HOLDING IT PRIOR TO THE NPG MINISTERIAL. LUNS  
REMARKED THAT MID-JUNE SEEMED TOO LATE FOR THE DPC  
MINISTERIAL, BUT THAT AT PRESENT ALL POSSIBILITIES  
WERE STILL OPEN.

4. IN CLOSING, LUNS SAID THE PERMREPS WOULD RETURN  
TO THE MATTER NEXT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, IN THE  
COURSE OF THEIR DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO THE  
DECEMBER 1976 DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING (REFTELLM HE  
INTENDS TO CIRCULATE A PO ON THE FOLLOW-UP WITHIN THE  
NEXT FEW DAYS.

5. COMMENT: LUNS WILL NOT CIRCULATE HIS PO ON DPC  
MINISTERIAL FOLLOW-UP UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 17. HOW-  
EVER, ASYG MUMFORD HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE US LATER  
TODAY AN UNAPPROVED DRAFT OF THE PO, WHICH HE DESCRIBES  
AS PRINCIPALLY PROCEDURAL AND IN CONSONANCE WITH THE  
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DECISION SHEET OF THE DECEMBER MEETING (REFTEL. END  
COMMENT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON DATES FOR THE SPRING  
DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING, BY OPENING OF BUSINESS  
JANUARY 18 IF POSSIBLE. IF WE REQUIRE GUIDANCE ON  
DPC MINISTERIAL FOLLOW-UP, WE WILL REQUEST IT WHEN WE  
FORWARD THE TEXT OF MUMFORD'S DRAFT OF LUNS' PO.  
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